

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TOMMY LEWIS, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

JUNE 1, 1998

A. CALL TO ORDER

The June 1, 1998, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Tommy Lewis, Board President.

Charlie Brown, of the DeSoto County Sheriff’s Department was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

- Jessie Medlin-----District 1
- Eugene C. Thach-----District 2
- James D. Pearson-----District 3
- John Caldwell-----District 4
- Tommy Lewis-----District 5
- W. E. ASluggo@ Davis-----Chancery Clerk
- James Albert Riley -----Sheriff
- Clovis Reed-----County Administrator
- William H. Austin, Jr.-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by County Administrator Clovis Reed.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Accepting the Minutes for May

The official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of May, 1998. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Supervisors for May, 1998 as presented this date, subject to certain corrections as follows: May 4, 1998 - Item K.1.d. - change “moving crew@ to Amowing; May 18, 1998 - Item C.5 - change Athis resignation was due to a letter he had received from DeSoto County@ to Athis resignation will be in a letter to the County Administrator;@ ; Item D - 4, state why the Board of Supervisors voted for a higher bid for property insurance; Item I - 6, change Athey want to@ to Awanted to;@ and, May 6, 1998, correcting the portion of the minutes submitted by the Planning Commission to include the submission of a petition by those opposed to the Meadow Oaks Development.

The minutes are approved pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated. The vote was unanimous. The **motion passed.**

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval to Rescind Order to Bid for Vending Service

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, notified the Board of Supervisors that the contract with Serv-O-Matic, for vending machine service, was negotiated to three (3) years to keep drink prices at \$.50. Therefore, the contract with Serv-O-Matic does not expire until October 1998.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to rescind the Board Order dated April 6, 1998, authorizing going out to bid for vending machine service for County buildings. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.1.**

2. Explanation and Appointment of Craig Treadway as Public Defender

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, notified the Board of Supervisors that in January Jamie Howell resigned as Public Defender in Justice Court and Craig Treadway was appointed to replace him in this position. In April, Melinda Meacham resigned as full time Public Defender and Craig Treadway was moved to that position, therefore, leaving the Public Defender in Justice Court position vacant. At the May 18th meeting the Board approved the appointment of Joseph E. Carney to fill the part-time Public Defender position and asked the County Administrator to make this explanation.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the Orders for Public Defenders and make them a part of these minutes. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.2.**

3. Appointment - MS Youth Summit

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to appoint Doug Bassett, 1645 Highway 51 North, Nesbit, MS 38651, to serve as appointee for District 4 for a term of one (1) year. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.3.**

4. Lawn Care - Approval of Contract

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, reminded the Board of Supervisors that the bid was accepted with DeSoto County Lawn & Tree Service for lawn care at County buildings. The Board of Supervisors discussed insurance and asked the County Administrator to verify whether DeSoto County Lawn & Tree Service has workman's comp insurance. This item was held over until Wednesday, June 3rd. **See Exhibit D.4.**

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Dale Thompson, Comptroller

a. Claims Docket

Comptroller Dale Thompson presented the claims docket showing each department's standing as of May 31, 1998. The following items were discussed:

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1. Cost of prisoner upkeep;
2. Rent for DHS;
3. Ambulance budget and collections - The Board of Supervisors asked the County Administrator to review why these collections do not go back into the General Fund.

In accordance with Section 19-13-31 and Section 19-11-23 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to pay the bills as presented by the Comptroller. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

b. Budget Amendments

(1) County & Circuit Court

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code for the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1997, and ending September 30, 1998. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for Circuit Court as follows:

001-180-459	\$10,000	lower elections fees
001-180-501	\$ 2,000	lower elections postage
001-161-464	\$ 1,000	lower Circuit Court clerical
001-162-454	\$10,000	increase County Court clerk attending court
001-162-607	\$ 2,000	increase County Court other court cost
001-161-412	\$ 1,000	increase Circuit Court bailiff fee

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. See **Exhibit E.1.b.(1)**.

(2) Metro Narcotics

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code for the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1997, and ending September 30, 1998. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Dale Thompson, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for Metro Narcotics as follows:

Lower	115-226-565	Confidential Funds	\$3,000
Increase	115-226-613	Crime Lab Fees	\$3,000

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. See **Exhibit E.1.d.(2)**.

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c. Budget Transfer

(1) Seized Funds to Metro Narcotics Forfeitures

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for \$135 on Edison Phillips case #DC-0026-1-98
for \$77 on Barbara Wade, Rickey Gillian case #DC-0008-3-98
for \$55 on Curtis Walls case #DC-0019-2-98
for \$162 on Gerard Walls case #DC-0019-2-98
for \$134 on Roger Newsom case #DC-0019-2-98
for \$432 on Michael J. Cole case #DC-0015-2-98
for \$230 on Terrance Young case # DC-0014-3-98

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the budget transfer for Metro Narcotics. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. See **Exhibit E.1.c.(1)**

(2) Justice Court Report Approval

The DeSoto County Justice Court Clerk, Linda Aldridge, did meet with the Board of Supervisors and presented the Justice Court Report for the month of May 1998, pursuant to Section 9-11-19 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated for a total amount of \$79,008.82. Ms. Aldridge reported that Justice Court has lost another Highway Patrolman who is going to work at the training academy in Jackson. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how many patrolmen that leaves. Ms. Aldridge responded there are six.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the Justice Court Report. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. See **Exhibit E.2.**

(3) Bailiff Pay Approval

Pursuant to Section 25-7-27, Section 1, paragraph (e) which allows for Constables working as Bailiffs to be paid as provided under Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1973, Annotated, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach_ seconded the motion to pay Joe Holmes \$160.00 for the month of April and May, 1998; to pay Jerry Easley \$160.00 for the month of May, 1998; and to pay Tommy Carr \$320.00 for the month of April and May, 1998, for their service as bailiffs for DeSoto County Justice Court. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **SEE EXHIBIT E.3.**

(4) Monthly Road Report/Work Schedule

Road Manager Kenny Gunn met with the Board of Supervisors to present the Road Department Monthly Road Report for the Month of May, 1998, and Work Schedule for the month of May, 1998, pursuant to Section 65-17-7 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, annotated. Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the monthly road report. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. See **Exhibit E.4.**

Item E.1.c., continued,

(5) Publication of Board Proceedings Approval

Proceedings in connection with Section 19-3-33 of the Mississippi Code which states that the Board of Supervisors may have its proceedings published in some newspaper published in the county, and cause the same to be paid for out of the county treasury. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

(6) Sheriff's Dept - Request to Increase Petty Cash

Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the increase in petty cash funds in the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department from \$1,000 to \$2,000 as requested by Office Manager C.T. Wallace. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit E.6.**

(7) Chancery Clerk Allowance Approval

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve Chancery Clerk Allowances in the amount of \$2,576.66 pursuant to Section 25-7-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The **motion passed** by vote a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit E.7.**

(8) Circuit Clerk Allowance Approval

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve Circuit Court Allowances as presented of \$2,321.00 and Youth Court Division in the amount of \$2,445.00, pursuant to Sections 25-7-13, and Section 25-7-13 of the Mississippi code of 1972, Annotated. The **motion passed** by vote a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit E.8.**

(9) Inventory Control Dispositions

Supervisor Jake Pearson made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Inventory Control Dispositions from Road & Bridge, Data Processing and Civil Defense as presented. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit E.9.**

(10) Travel Approval

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve travel in accordance with Section 25-3-41 Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, any official or employee of DeSoto County, Mississippi, is hereby authorized to travel during the period of April 6, 1998, to May 4, 1998, as necessary and incur travel expenses in the performance of their official duties for DeSoto County. That all such travel is hereby authorized contingent on funds being available in the departmental budget of the individual traveling.

(11) Dave Nicholson, Allen & Hoshall - Administration Building

Dave Nicholson of Allen & Hoshall appeared before the Board of Supervisors to discuss the bids for the Administration Building. Mr. Nicholson notified the Board that Allen & Hoshall recommends awarding the bid to the low bidder, Panola Construction Co., who bid in the amount of \$6,894,000.00. Mr. Nicholson said that this bid does include the staircase. There is a fifteen (15) month construction and the contractor is prepared to go to work the Monday after July 4th.

Item E.1.,c.(11), continued,

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if that includes the site the way it is now, or does the

county have to prepare the site. Dave Nicholson answered that it includes the demolition of the McIngvale Building.

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, reminded the Board that the bonds were let for the Administration Building in the amount of \$7,000,000.00. Mr. Reed said that after legal and professional fees, just over \$6,500,000.00 is left for the building. Mr. Reed said that there will be interest income to cover most of the difference, or possibly leaving a shortfall of approximately \$50,000.00.

The Board discussed the McIngvale House and alternatives to save or demolish the house. The Board Attorney, William Austin, notified the Board that his concerns were the way the bids were taken with no alternate for moving the house. Mr. Austin cautioned that the bids need to be acted upon according to the motion and any consideration to move the McIngvale House should be acted on after the vote at a bare minimum.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the recommendation from the architect to accept the low bid from Panola Construction Co., in connection with Bid File #98-360-002. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

(12) McIngvale House

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Dave Nicholson of Allen & Hoshall if he has talked to anyone about moving the McIngvale House. Dave Nicholson responded that he has and the estimate to prepare the house for moving and relocating the house would be approximately \$75,000.00 and there would be an additional \$70,000.00 to \$75,000.00 to restore the house to like new condition. Mr. Nicholson cautioned the Board that the process to move the house would have to begin very quickly. A representative from Panola Construction told the Board that it would be good for Panola to be able to get that contract to control the workers timing on doing the work.

Dave Nicholson told the Board that the estimate of \$150,000.00 is not a firm price for this work.

Supervisor John Caldwell said that there are no plans for the building if it is moved. Supervisor Caldwell speculated that it may not be wise to move the building with no clear objective for its use in mind. Supervisor Caldwell said that he would like to go on and approve the contract to demolish the building and see if the City of Hernando wants to move the building and use it in the City.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that he is inclined to go along with Supervisor Caldwell on that recommendation. Supervisor Thach said that the County does not need the office space, but they do need the parking. Supervisor Thach said that to move the building is an extra expense and the County does not have the money in the budget to do so.

Bob Barber appeared before the Board on behalf of Mayor Ed Gale who had a conflicting commitment and could not be before the Board. Mr. Barber said that Mr. Gale apologizes for not being able to be at the meeting, and authorized him to represent Mayor Gale on this matter before the Board. Mr. Barber read a letter from Mayor Gale, which is included herewith as Exhibit E.12, which stated the City's support of saving the McIngvale Home. Mr. Barber said that Mayor Gale feels this is a County issue and said the City has no land to place the house on if it was moved.

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Mr. A. W. Bouchillon of the Preservation Committee, appeared before the Board and said

he thinks it is extremely important to recognize the need to satisfy the County's investment in regard to the McIngvale House. Mr. Bouchillon said that he is not saying there is an economic need but, the McIngvale House represents a tremendous treasure to the citizens of the County.

Winn Brown, representing his wife, Ms. AnnieRuth Brown, appeared before the Board on behalf of the Historic DeSoto Foundation in which Ms. Brown is President. Mr. Brown said that to preserve the home would be great, but he supports the Board's decision on the matter.

Past Mayor, J. B. Bell, told the Board that zoning and planning were established in the City of Hernando before they were established in any other city. Mr. Bell said that the County is now one unit in the area of planning and zoning. Mr. Bell said that the Board is building a Convention Center based on people coming into the County, but people who were already in the County and people passing through the County enjoy the service offered by the Genealogy Records. Mr. Bell asked the Board to give the County a more adequate space for the Genealogy Department to work in. Supervisor Eugene Thach said that the Genealogy Department is going to be on the first floor of the Courthouse after the renovation takes place. Mr. Bell said that the Genealogy Department could also use a paid employee. Mr. Bell said that he commends the Board for their work in the County.

Supervisor John Caldwell said he thinks the Board should make the McIngvale Home available to the city if they want to move and renovate the building. Supervisor Caldwell reminded those present that the Board is committing \$6.5 million to answer the needs of the County through the new Administration Building.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that it has been since he was here that the McIngvale property was obtained and he would like to see the County move the house and the City renovate the house and run it.

Bob Barber said that the City Board of Aldermen meet tomorrow night and the issue could be discussed at that meeting. Mr. Barber said that this is an opportunity to meet the needs of the County. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Mr. Barber to come before the Board on Wednesday.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked when it is moved will the McIngvale House be a County building or a City building.

Bob Barber said that the State of Mississippi has some 50% money available for investment in museums.

Supervisor John Caldwell said he would like to get input from the City Aldermen of Hernando to find out and bring back the issue on Wednesday.

Supervisor Jake Pearson said he would like to see the Board work with the City of Hernando to move the house.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Bob Barber to check into possible money available through a grant for museums in connection with the house.

Item E.1.c., continued,

(13) Contract Approval with Copyplus, Inc. for Copier in Purchasing

At the recommendation of the County Administrator, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Jake Pearson seconded the motion to enter into a contract with Copyplus for a Minolta copier to be used in the Purchasing Department for a term of 36

months at \$149.00 per month. The equipment under this agreement will include a Minolta EP2010 copier, a Duplex Unit and a Document Feeder and authorized the Board President to execute the contract. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit E.13.**

(14) Jail Operation

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked how many inmates are sleeping on the floor in the jail. Sheriff James Albert Riley responded that there are 30.

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, said that Allen & Hoshall looked at the jail last week at which time they addressed the bed capacity issue. Mr. Reed contacted Dave Nicholson who joined the meeting and reported to the Board that there is a walk through scheduled tomorrow at the jail and Mr. Nicholson estimated Allen & Hoshall may be able to report as early as Wednesday on the beds. Mr. Nicholson said that they should be able to give a report on the entire project this week.

(15) Making Fully Executed Contract with House Doctor Construction Part of the Minutes

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to make the fully executed contract with House Doctor Construction for repainting the exterior of the DeSoto County Courthouse part of the minutes. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit E.15.**

(16) Civic Center - Approval of Bills from JBH&M Architects

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to pay Invoice #19 in the amount of \$124,200.00 to Johnson, Bailey, Henderson and McNeel and to pay application and certificate for payment number 4 to Camco Construction in the amount of \$258,646.65 in connection with work on the DeSoto County Civic Center. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

(17) Lease Agreement - Wee Care

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to extend the lease agreement with Wee Care on a monthly basis as the property included in this lease is up for sale. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit E.17.**

(18) Early Warning System

Supervisor Tommy Lewis introduced Mrs. Reed, whose husband is the President of the Home Owners Association at Bridgetown Subdivision, and said that Bridgetown had agreed to pay a portion of their early warning system.

T. H. Walker, Director of Civil Defense, told the Board that DeSoto County does not have a early warning system. Mr. Walker presented a map showing the County's area of responsibility. Mr. Walker said that there is an education system that can be implemented and said that local television stations are not mandated to provide for local warnings.

However, he has been working with Time Warner who has agreed to implement the service. Mr. Walker said he would like to put that in his office to avoid putting warnings on television needlessly. Supervisor Eugene Thach said that Civil Defense is not staffed 24 hours. Mr. Walker responded that they are on call 24 hours in the event of disaster. Supervisor Thach said that people do not watch TV 24 hours a day.

Supervisor Thach asked if the cities are participating in this effort. T.H. Walker said they want to be included and the City of Hernando has asked Mr. Walker to formulate a plan to determine how many sirens are needed in his area. Mr. Walker said that each siren will cover four (4) square miles and the City has asked him to include a map for their area.

Mr. Walker notified the Board that the siren that is the most cost effective in terms of area coverage will cost approximately \$15,000.00 each and there is a need for 34 sirens in the County. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked what kind of maintenance is needed. Mr. Walker responded that there is some, but not a great deal. Mr. Walker said there is a battery back up system on the sirens.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to take the matter under advisement and see if the City can pay a share of these costs. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. See **Exhibit E.18**.

(19) Making Fully Executed Contract with DeSoto Sunrise Part of the Minutes

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to make the fully executed contract with DeSoto Sunrise part of the minutes. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. See **Exhibit E.19**.

(20) Sheriff=s Dept. - Approval to Authorize Board President to Execute COPS Grant

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, notified the Board that the County is prepared to apply for a COPS Grant to employ three (3) additional officers. If approved, the County's total portion of these funds will be \$23,483.65 for each officer. The grant will cover a three (3) year period. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the Board President to execute the documents in connection with the COPS Grant. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. See **Exhibit E.20**.

(21) Bids Under Advisement - Hot Asphalt Overlay

The County Engineer, Daniel Murphy, notified the Board that bids were taken on May 26th, 1998, for the 1998 Hot Asphalt Overlay Project. Bidders were: Lehman Roberts at a bid price of \$1,471,066.25 and APAC Tennessee at a bid price of \$1,481,670.00. Mr. Murphy said that if the low bidder of Lehman Roberts is approved, they are scheduled to begin work next week.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the low bid of Lehman Roberts in the amount of \$1,471,066.25 in connection with the 1998 Hot Asphalt Overlay Project. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. See **Exhibit E.21**

(22) Hernando High School - Request for Funds to Travel to Knowledge Bowl

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to donate \$250 to Hernando High School for travel to the Knowledge Bowl. In accordance with Section 17-3-3, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, the Board of Supervisors did make a determination that the above request would advertise the **Item E.22., continued,**

resources and possibilities of DeSoto County and thereby advance the moral, financial and other interests of DeSoto County. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

(23) Census

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, presented a letter from Governor Kirk Fordice who explained plans to establish a Local Correct Count Committee (LCCC) in every County in the State. Governor Fordice is asking the Board in each County to name a chairman to head their local committee. This item was held over.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The executive session portion of these minutes are recorded under the portion of the minutes called "Executive Session".

G. OTHER ISSUES

1. Christmas Lights

Supervisor John Caldwell asked the status of purchasing Christmas Lights. The County Administrator said that he would check on that matter. **See Exhibit G.1.**

2. Civic Center

The Comptroller, Dale Thompson, said she had been sent a bill for reimbursement for travel for Stewart Taylor who interviewed for a position with the Civic Center. Ms. Thompson asked the Board if the payments the County makes for the Civic Center are supposed to fall under the same guidelines as County bills do with the State. The Board Attorney, William Austin, advised that the reimbursement for travel for Stewart Taylor was part of the contract which should be completed soon. Mr. Austin suggested holding this matter over until that time in order to pay the bills under the contract.

3. Horn Lake Road

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if bids are out on Horn Lake Road. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion to authorize advertising for construction of a third lane and a right turn lane on one portion and overlay on Horn Lake Road between Nail Road and Goodman Road. Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion to initiate steps for Right of Way acquisition for Horn Lake Road. Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion and the **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

4. Parks

Supervisor John Caldwell said he had a meeting last week to discuss the County's needs for Parks. Supervisor Caldwell said that it was clear that there were different needs for parks in different areas of the County. Supervisor Caldwell asked that this item be added to the Agenda for Wednesday, June 3rd.

Item G.5., continued,

5. Homesteads

At the request of the Chancery Clerk, W. E. “Sluggo” Davis, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the Homesteads as presented by the Chancery Clerk, W. E. “Sluggo” Davis. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

6. Church Road

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if there are any possibilities for Federal Funds to help with Church Road. The County Engineer, Daniel Murphy, said that he is not aware of any.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked what is the status of Right of Way Acquisitions for Church Road. The Board Attorney, William Austin, responded that as of 4:00 Friday afternoon that Daniel Murphy and Mr. Austin met with the land owners on one side of the road. After presentation of plans and discussion with the land owner, the land owner went from a definite no for Right of Way donation to a possible maybe. Mr. Austin said that another land owner is likely to consider donating Right of Way as well.

7. Department of Transportation-Highway 304

The County Administrator, Clovis Reed, notified the Board that a group of Mayors and other officials have looked at the plans for interchanges on Highway 304 and reported that there is no interchange planned for McIngvale. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that there was no interchange on Red Banks Road. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he thinks it is extremely important to identify the roads in which an interchange is needed.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to have the County Administrator, Clovis Reed, get the details regarding Highway 304 for the Public Hearing. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
James D. Pearson-----Yes
John Caldwell-----No
Tommy Lewis-----Yes

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to send a Resolution in support of an interchange being added to Highway 304 at McIngvale Road and at Red Banks Road. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Jessie Medlin-----Yes
Eugene C. Thach-----Yes
James D. Pearson-----Yes
John Caldwell-----No
Tommy Lewis-----Yes

8. Secretary – Operations & Maintenance

At the recommendation of the County Administrator, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to re-establish the Secretarial position in Operations & Maintenance and advertise to fill the position. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

Item G., continued,

9. Roads – Buena Vista

Mrs. Blair came before the Board to present a petition of the residence of Buena Vista stating that the County Roads inside Buena Vista Subdivision have not been resurfaced since they were built approximately 25 – 30 years ago. Ms. Blair said that the roads are narrow and because the edges are in such bad condition you have to drive in the middle of the road. Ms. Blair said that they were concerned about the potholes and said that the population on the roads in Buena Vista Subdivision is greater than on many side roads in the County that have been upgraded. In addition, Ms. Blair said that Highway 51 should be widen and resurfaced from the Tate County Line to Hernando. Ms. Blair said that there are no bridges between and the Tate County Line on Highway 51 to work around. Ms. Blair said that the citizens of Buena Vista Subdivision feel they have been overlook for County road maintenance.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that the paving contract is set to be awarded today and there is a work order in Central Maintenance at this time to fix the potholes in the roads. See Exhibit G.9.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to recess until June 3, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. THIS the 1st day of June, 1998, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

TOMMY LEWIS, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors